

**Remarks**

The Applicants respectfully request consideration of the subject application upon entry of this Fourth Preliminary Amendment.

Upon entry of this Fifth Preliminary Amendment, the present application will have claims 1-85 pending and under consideration.

The Applicants hereby notify the Examiner that claims 78-85 have been copied from U.S. Patent Application Number 10/137,598 filed May 1, 2002, as published in U.S. Patent Publication Number 2003/0208140 A1 on November 6, 2003 (hereinafter referred to as the "'140 Publication"). Claims 78-85 in the present application respectively correspond to claims 1-3 and 5-9 from the '140 publication. It should be noted that claims 78-85 have been filed within one (1) year of the publication date of the '140 Publication, and as a result, the requirements of 35 U.S.C. §135(b)(2), as interpreted by the Patent Office, have been satisfied.

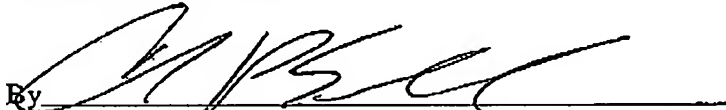
It should be appreciated that the present application has an earlier effective filing date than the above-mentioned application. In particular, the present application is a continuation of Application Serial No. 09/887,574 filed June 21, 2001, which is a continuation of Application Serial No. 09/552,243 filed April 19, 2000, now U.S. Patent No. 6,352,514, which is a continuation of Application Serial No. 09/298,386 filed April 23, 1999, now U.S. Patent No. 6,099,484, which is a continuation of Application Serial No. 08/858,042 filed May 16, 1997, now U.S. Patent No. 5,951,492, which claims benefit of provisional Application Serial Nos. 60/017,133 filed May 17, 1996; 60/019,918 filed June 14, 1996; 60/023,658 filed August 1, 1996; 60/025,340 filed September 3, 1996; 60/064,856 filed September 17, 1996; 60/092,121 filed September 16, 1996 and 60/044,406 filed October 8, 1996. It also should be noted that the U.S. Patent No. 5,951,492 issued on September 14, 1999, which is more than one year prior to the effective filing date of the above-mentioned application.

As should be appreciated, after reviewing the present application, as well as its parent and provisional applications, the claims copied into this case are supported by the application as originally filed. For example, FIG. 6 along with pages 13-14 illustrate and describe a number of the features recited in the above-copied claims. Moreover, the present application incorporates by reference a number references, which provide additional support. It should be understood that these examples are non-limiting in nature, and that support for the copied claims is provided at other parts of the present application.

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In view of this Fifth Preliminary Amendment, consideration of the present application, as amended, is respectfully requested. If after reviewing this amendment the Examiner feels that any issues remain which must be resolved, the Examiner is invited to contact the applicants' undersigned representative by telephone to resolve such issues.

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